

ANS 1319 02E: Introduction to Animal Science Course Syllabus | Fall 2025

Course and Contact Information:

Catalog description:

Study of the selection, reproduction, nutrition and marketing of beef and dairy cattle, small ruminants, swine, horses and poultry.

Class time and location:

AG/ET 253; MWF: 9:00 – 9:50 am

Instructor:

Dr. Tasha King

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AG/ET 233G

903-886-5351

Office Hours:

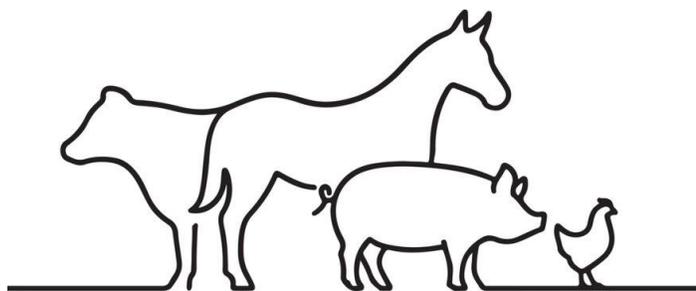
MW 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

T/R 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Open Door or by appointment

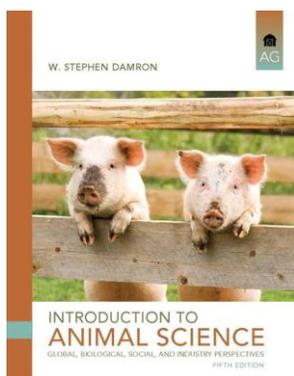
What you'll learn:

1. Define and communicate effectively with terminology used in livestock production
2. Identify anatomy and physiology of various livestock species
3. Develop the ability to differentiate popular different breeds and utilization of breeds in management and production decisions
4. Understand the impact of production stages of various livestock species on operational and nutritional demands
5. Describe the role of livestock in the agriculture industry within the United States



What you'll need:

- Access to a computer or laptop with internet
 - Course materials will be posted to D2L within 24 hours of class
- Notebook, pencils/pens (Bring to every class)
- *Introduction to Animal Science; Fifth Ed.* by Stephen Damron (NOT REQUIRED; Recommended)

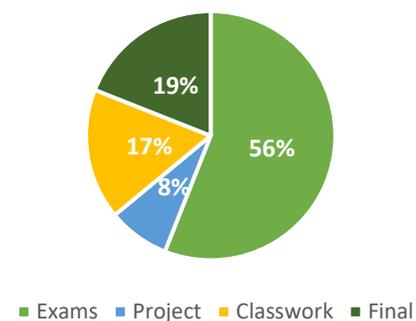


Assignments and Grading:

Grades will be calculated based on a total of 900 points and posted on D2L.

Exams: 5x hourly (100 pts each)
Final (175 pts)
Project (75 pts)
Classwork/Participation (150 pts)

A: 810 + pts **B:** 720- 809 pts **C:** 630 – 719 pts **D:** 540 – 629 pts **F:** < 539 pts



Policies and Important Information

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This syllabus is subject to change at discretion of the professor to allow for success of students in the course.

Instructor Interaction Statement:

E-mail response or acknowledgement from the instructor will be within two business days. When emailing please include course number and name. Mistakes happen and if I miss your email, please send a follow-up email! Grading of assessments will occur within a week unless circumstances arise that prevent this from being accomplished, but effort will be made to complete in a timely manner. Feel free to stop by my office during office hours or when the door is open.

Material Covered and Instructional Methods:

Course material will be separated into units based on species of livestock with a unit exam (hourly exam; 100 pts) at completion of material. A cumulative final will occur at the conclusion of the course. Attendance is expected as points will be earned in class through various assessment methods including quizzes, group work, and discussions. See above for points and grading scale.

Exam 1	100 pts	Beef and Dairy Cattle
Exam 2	100 pts	Sheep and Goat
Exam 3	100 pts	Swine
Exam 4	100 pts	Poultry
Exam 5	100 pts	Equine
Final Exam	175 pts	Cumulative

Late Assignments, Absences and Bonus Points:

Two late assignments will be accepted and graded at 50%. Must be completed fully and submitted within one week of the due date. After two, no more late assignments will be accepted.

Students are expected to attend all classes as participation and classwork points will be awarded sporadically throughout the semester in the form of pop quizzes, worksheets, and attendance. If absences are to occur, students must work with the professor to complete necessary tasks to make up for information covered during absence. If an absence is to occur during an exam, the student must give the professor 24 hr notice via e-mail at minimum for arrangements to be made.

Bonus points or changes to points on the syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the professor.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

Zoom Video Conferencing Tool

https://inside.tamuc.edu/campuslife/CampusServices/CITESupportCenter/Zoom_Account.aspx?source=universalmenu

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the Student Guidebook.

<https://inside.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/documents/studentGuidebook.pdf>.

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

ETAMU Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedures 13.99.99.R0.01](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

[Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

East Texas A&M University

Velma K. Waters Library Rm 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: [Student Disability Services](#)

<https://www.tamuc.edu/student-disability-services/>

Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in East Texas A&M University buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and East Texas A&M University Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

East Texas A&M University Supports Students' Mental Health

The Counseling Center at East Texas A&M University, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.tamuc.edu/counsel

Mental Health and Well-Being

The university aims to provide students with essential knowledge and tools to understand and support mental health. As part of our commitment to your well-being, we offer access to Telus Health, a service available 24/7/365 via chat, phone, or webinar. Scan the QR code to download the app and explore the resources available to you for guidance and support whenever you need it.



<http://telusproduction.com/app/5108.html>

AI use policy

East Texas A&M University acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course.

Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism).

Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and follow their instructors' guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed.

In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented source.

13.99.99.R0.03 Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty

Course Outline and Calendar

****Subject to change at the discretion of the instructor****

Exam 1	Introduction, Beef and Dairy Cattle (~4 weeks)
Exam 2	Small Ruminants (~3 weeks)
Exam 3	Swine (~3 weeks)
Exam 4	Poultry (~3 weeks)
Exam 5	Equine (~3 weeks)

Cumulative Final Tuesday December 9th 8:00 am